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- 1. Japanese Examined Utility Model Registration Application Publication No. 5-15605, dated May 9, 1984 together with an English language abstract;
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3. Uno, Y., "Discussion on Safety of Slim Colonoscope CF-SV", Journal of Japanese Society of Medical Instrumentation Vol. 67, No. 7 (supplementary volume), p. 289-292, July 1, 1997.

Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references. The relevance of the above-cited references has been described in the specification.

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